House Resolution No. 432

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

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Whereas, Howard Walker of Mountain Grove, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on February 8, 2008; and

Whereas, on February 11, 1918, in Cox Creek, God brought a special gift to Tom and Zola Owens Walker with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Howard, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Howard Walker will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage on June 15, 1940, to Orleana Hoffarth and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Howard Walker has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Judy McCleary and Leo Walker; seven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Howard Walker has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes toiling as a farmer and carpenter, working at Brown Shoe in Mountain Grove and Union Pacific Railroad in Kansas City, and being a Master Mason in the Masonic Lodge, where he has served as a leader for the last forty-two years; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Howard Walker is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Howard Walker at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Howard Walker, as a measure of our esteem for him.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 432, adopted February 6, 2008.